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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No. 10/038,585
Attorney Docket No. Q67992

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Pending claims 1-13 have been examined. The Examiner acknowledges that claims 4-6 and 10-11 contain allowable subject matter. However, claims 1-3, 7-9 and 12-13 are rejected. Specifically, the Examiner continues to apply Guelich, U.S. Patent No. 5,841,020 (hereinafter "Guelich") in rejecting claims 1-3 and 7-9, as well as recently added claims 12 and 13. By way of overview, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this grounds of rejection, for at least the exemplary reasons set forth below.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objects to claims 4-6 and 10-11 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner acknowledges that claims 4-6 and 10-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Additionally, the Examiner generally acknowledges that these claims are allowable based on the features recited therein, and Applicants further note that each of claims 4-6 and 10-11 are allowable based on the entirety of the features recited therein.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner hold the rewriting requirement in abeyance pending consideration of the following remarks.